

Friday, October 24 2003

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445 12th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20554

VIA FACSIMILE

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Oh, and one more thing. Back in the early days of broadcast television, the medium was considered a public service. Besides the programming paid for by advertisers, television broadcasters were also used as a means of getting vital information out to the public in times of emergencies: natural disasters, civil defense warnings, or official government information. This was and still could be a very important part of the dissemination of much needed information. However, if the possibility exists, through the use of this "broadcast flag," that I may not be able to time-shift my programming by use of legally obtained and used personal recording technology, then I would have NO reason to have the technology at all. Hence, a vital means of receiving national, regional, or local information in times of emergency would be at the mercy of the content authors. The big losers in this would be the American people and the democratic political process that you in Washington have benefited from.

Sincerely,

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It all boils down to this: Are you willing to restrict the already battered fair-use rights of American consumers by implementing something that will likely not even slow down the true pirates?

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I feel that fair use requires that a person who has paid for the media that is recordable be able to record for their own use any program that is broadcast over the air free from a broadcast station which is licensed by the FCC.

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With current consumer electronics, I can be more than a passive recipient of content -- I can edit, create, and reformat for my own enjoyment and use. I can record TV to watch later; clip a small piece of TV and splice it into a home movie; send an email clip of video content that I create myself to friends and relatives; or record a TV program onto a DVD and play it at my friend's place. The broadcast flag seems designed to remove these fair uses that I, as a consumer, have become accustomed to and vehemently protest efforts to restrict.

I should not need to point out that the digital television transition, which has a long way to go, relies on convincing consumers of the benefits of switching to and buying digital television equipment. That transition will be jeopardized if current fair uses are restricted and existing newly-purchased DTV equipment must be replaced already with equipment that is compatible with a broadcast flag.

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...>besides it would not hurt america to turn off the tv and pick up a book once in a while and try to free their mind instead of poisoning it.

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Sincerely,

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As far as I am concerned, this broadcast flag is a blatant, Orwellian attempt at control and a COMPLETE DISincentive to purchase ANY equipment that makes use of it. The equipment manufacturers are on notice that I will not purchase ANY equipment that uses this flag to destroy my rights.

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The "broadcast flag" is a smoke screen by the entertainment industry that has nothing to do with preventing large scale piracy and everything to do with controlling the law abiding customer. The technology is too weak to prevent a financially (or politically) motivated pirate from making copies on a large scale. It will only serve to force ordinary consumers to buy equipment they don't need and that doesn't operate the way they want.

If the industry wants to shoot themselves in the foot, that's their business, and I don't expect the government to stop them. But at the same time, I demand that the government not be an accomplice in the industries attempt to circumvent the free market and/or sabotage "fair use".

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